

## 400 REFUGEES NOW CARED FOR

Committee Has \$900 of Last Flood Fund as a Starter.  
Work Well in Hand.

By Thursday noon approximately 500 families of refugees had been moved from the flooded districts to safe quarters. The Third District school was thrown open to the committee for the purpose of housing the refugees. The Main Street school was full of colored families and a building at 265 East Main street is housing about one hundred people.

C. M. Willingham, who worked so actively during the 1917 flood, was at his post at the city hall early Thursday morning at work. Mr. Willingham reported that there was about \$900 left over from the flood funds of last year and that this amount was being disposed of. Groceries for the people who have already fallen victims of the flood must be bought and many other necessary things.

In speaking of the generosity of the citizens in general, Mr. Willingham said that he was having no trouble in obtaining the aid of Chattanooga. The business men of the city who were owners of automobile trucks have extended the use of just as many as the committee was able to use.

The families that have so far been housed are all from the lower section, which the flood first affects. Mr. Willingham said Wednesday morning that practically all of the residents of Bushtown and other locations in this section were having to move out.

**Effect on Schools.**  
Commissioner H. D. Huffaker stated that he had given instructions to all principals of the city schools to stand in readiness to close at any time it was deemed necessary. However, up until noon Thursday only two had actually closed and these two, the Main Street and the Third District, had been given over to the refugees. Jefferson Street school was almost completely surrounded by water and the commissioner stated that this building would be closed in the afternoon.

The Shlan Memorial Universalist church, opposite Fenger Place, has been thrown open for the flood victims of that territory. The furniture from the homes of the flood sufferers is being stored and the people who have been forced from their residences are being housed.

The pastor of this church has issued an order to the effect that any families that are compelled to leave their homes and are in need of aid call Hemlock 1219 or Hemlock 1175.

Members of the Junior chamber of commerce held a called meeting Thursday morning, after which they went to the mayor's office and offered their assistance during the flood.

The members of the committee who called upon the mayor were Arthur Bell, president; Marcus Schwartz, Joe Jarnagin, S. O. Bankson, E. E. Brown, E. B. Welch, Stanley Lachman and Earle Wester.

Dr. T. S. McCallie, of the Red Cross, went to the mayor's office Thursday morning and tendered his services to the local Red Cross organization in any way that the committee may be able to use them.

**SANITATION IS TO BE WELL GUARDED**  
Dr. C. P. Knight, United States health officer, placed in full charge of the sanitary conditions of the flood.

This step has been taken to avoid the danger of an epidemic of any kind. Dr. Knight has twenty-five federal health officers, over to the use of the city, during the flood period. His force is composed of specialists in all lines of sanitary work, including four or five Red Cross nurses, three sanitary inspectors from New Orleans and others. The plan of the federal authority is to have an officer stationed at each building that is being used to house the refugees. This health officer will be in charge of the sanitary conditions at this particular place, and it will be his duty to see that the entire building is kept clean, sanitary and well ventilated.

After going over the ground Thursday morning, Dr. Knight stated that he found that in some places there were entirely too many in one building. The greatest objection he found was the crowding of the refugees in rooms with stacks of furniture.

**Don't Use Schools.**  
He advised the department of education to take the refugees out of the school buildings, and not use them until it became absolutely necessary.

**Confiscate Vacant Houses.**  
Orders have been given out for the confiscation of any vacant property that could be used for the housing of the refugees.

**LIEUT. BECKER TO ASSIST CAPT. CAMPBELL, M. P.**  
All Officers at Camp Forrest Must Stand Reveille—Other Post Orders.

Second Lieutenant H. C. Becker, Fifty-fifth infantry, has been detailed to duty as assistant to Bay City, Mich., and turned over to the sheriff. He will be accompanied on the trip by Sergt. George W. Evans, of the same company.

**Officers Stand Reveille.**  
First call for reveille, at 6:15 a.m., arouses all of the officers, as well as the enlisted men, at Camp Forrest and the other camps in the same command. The war department order is observed by all from the highest in rank to the private in the rear rank. All have to stand reveille, with assembly at 6:30 o'clock in the morning.

**Taken to Michigan.**  
Private Charles Hoffman, Company K, Fifty-second infantry, an insane patient, will be taken to Bay City, Mich., and turned over to the sheriff. He will be accompanied on the trip by Sergt. George W. Evans, of the same company.

**Officers Granted Leave.**  
Leave of absence for ten days has been granted Maj. William H. Lee, M. R. C., and for the same period to Second Lieutenant Peyton J. Brown, I. R. C., by special orders from the office of the commanding general, Fort Oglethorpe.

## Need of Levees Emphasized By Return of High Tide

Committee Urges Consideration of Permanent Protection Not To Be Constructed Until After War—Repeated Floods Threaten the City's Growth.

In the face of another siege of high water, which, though it is now assured will not reach the depth of the last, essentially means a severe handicap to many manufacturing plants, much damage to homes and inconvenience to dwellers in the low sections, the pertinence of solving the riddle of a permanent and effective flood prevention is thrust forcefully before the public. With this end in view, members of the local flood prevention committee are having 1,000 or more copies of the recent report of Col. Dabney printed for distribution. As the plan provides for the expenditure of \$3,000,000 or more it is highly probable that no immediate steps will be urged other than the preliminaries, the actual construction and expenditure being postponed until after the close of the war.

Those who are most active in the work to this end point out that while the expense of building a system of levees for Chattanooga seems large, yet the cost is small in consideration of the loss through repeated damage from floods. Not only is the loss suffered by those owning property in the low sections, they explain, but if Chattanooga is to be repeatedly threatened by flood the handicap will be tremendous and will render the city's growth as a manufacturing center at a standstill.

It is further pointed out in illustration, that one of the main reasons, if not the deciding point, which prevented Chattanooga from securing the government nitrate plant was that the locations offered could not be guaranteed as flood proof. Representatives of the government expressed themselves as unwilling to locate such an important institution where business might be stopped at any time on account of high water.

The same reasons that would influence government agents and result in the loss of a plant of this nature would essentially affect the locating of other industries here.

**Plans For Levees.**  
The surveys and report of the expert engineer with the view of solving the water problem effectively have resulted in the suggestion of three or more plans that would check the wa-

ter, the expense varying according to the extent of territory protected.

The first and most expensive of these plans provides for the construction of a dirt and cement levee that extends from Boyce, practically following the course of the river and being interrupted in two or three places by high ground, to Citico creek. The high bank of the river offers a protection until the low land at the foot of Market street is reached. Here a concrete levee is provided for, extending west to Pine. The next construction necessary under this plan would commence southwest of Cameron hill, extending south to the high ground at the foot of Look-out mountain.

This plan includes the changing of sewers and costs \$4,402,000, to which has to be added \$1,600,000 for pumping plants at the mouths of Chattanooga and Citico creeks.

A second, and less expensive plan, is also provided for which would extend the west protecting levee further back from the river and would leave unprotected a section of the low territory near the mouth of Chattanooga creek, including Whiteside and Cowart streets. This construction would cost \$2,455,000, plus the cost of the pumping stations.

**Plan Recommended.**

The plan recommended as most feasible by Maj. Dabney includes the protecting levee to the north, stretching from East Chattanooga to Citico; the protection at Market street, but would provide for the construction of a levee running east from Tanner flats to Clifton hills, across Rossville boulevard and on east to the high ground at the foot of Missionary ridge. This leaves Craven's yards and much of the territory between the city and St. Elmo unprotected. It eliminates the cost of pumping stations and provides for straightening Chattanooga creek by a diversion canal which would leave the creek entirely south of the levee. The plan is recommended by the engineer because it is less expensive and simplifies the Chattanooga creek problem, but still protects the greater portion of South Chattanooga and the manufacturing section. The cost is estimated at \$3,264,000.

## Lend Your Cars for Flood Relief Work

Automobile owners of Chattanooga are requested to volunteer their services, and that of their cars, to aid in the flood relief work, leaving their names and telephone numbers where they can be promptly reached at the office of the Chattanooga Automobile club in the Hotel Patten. They are also requested to state what hours of the day or night their services are available. Had it not been for the response of the automobile owners last year in furnishing cars to rapidly convey workers to the flooded areas, the suffering would have been indescribable. The greatest difficulty encountered by the automobile committee last year was in providing cars for workers during the late hours of the night. While the service of cars may not be needed for this purpose this year, the committee would like to have the names and telephone numbers of the volunteers who

are ready to answer the call for help of the relief committee of which John Stagmaier is chairman.

Among the first responses to telephone calls for assistance from the offices of the Chattanooga Automobile club were the Mitchell Automobile company, the Fisk Rubber company, E. M. Prigmore, of the Hamilton Motor Car company, John F. Crabtree, of Olmsted-Crabtree company, and Boyd W. Hargraves. These volunteers were immediately assigned to Associated Charities to assist the workers in locating flood sufferers requiring immediate relief.

At the meeting of the Chattanooga Automobile club at the Hotel Patten tonight, the automobile department of the flood relief work will be thoroughly organized, and members of the club placed in charge of the work until the danger is past.

## Ford Garage on Main Now Truck Headquarters

Scavenger trucks and wagons of the department of streets and sewers were kept busy all during Wednesday night and Thursday morning moving the furniture of families whose homes have been flooded by the high water. Commissioner Ed Bass was on the work all last night, directing and assisting.

The matter of transportation is being handled at the mayor's office in the city hall, and people or business houses who have wagons or trucks that they wish to donate for moving refugees and furniture are requested to communicate with the mayor's office.

## Shelter Now Available for Four Thousand Refugees

Almost 4,000 flood refugees can be housed in schools, churches and other buildings which have been designated in a typewritten list that has been placed at the city hall for reference. It is estimated that the Third District school building will accommodate 300; the building at 265 Main street, 215; Orange Grove school, 150; Park Place, 75; East Main street, colored school, 400; Newton Institute, Grove street, 300 to 400; Houston Park, 300; Orchard Knob school, 400; and Eleventh Street colored school, 300. Schools, however, are not to be used unless positively necessary, so that the work may not be interrupted.

The list of buildings and the number of people that can be housed in them follows: 265 Main street, 215; Alsobrook's hotel, 40; courthouse; Knights of Columbus hall, 150; Armory; across from Lookout Planning mill, Main street, 40; Quinn's Chapel, Ross street, Tannery Flats, 75; Houston Park, 300; several houses near Orchard Knob school; 1126 Whiteside street, 20; 600 block Whiteside, 50; several stores on Whiteside street, 100; Newton Institute, Grove street, 300 to 400; colored people have been sent to church on Eighth street between Douglas and E streets; also Mrs.

Steele's orphanage; 820 Whiteside, 30; Prospect, Citico and pike, 60; Coleman's hall, Hawthorne and East Third street, 50; Murray's barn, Whiteside street, beyond bridge.

Besides these there are the churches, the courthouse and the armory, which can be used if necessary.

Rooms have been thrown open to refugees at the following locations: 211 and 213 East Fourth street, 14 rooms; 41 Pleasant street, 2 rooms; 517 1-2 West Ninth street, 2 rooms; 602 Prospect street, 9 rooms; rear of 602 Prospect street, 9 rooms; 408 Cedar street, 10 rooms; third floor of 402 1-2 West Ninth street.

## EAST CHATTANOOGA CARS CUT OFF AT LOOP

The Rossville short line and East Chattanooga line are the only two routes of the Chattanooga Railway and Light company that have so far been cut off by the high water. A forty-foot stage, however, will flood the East Lake line tracks in the low stretch near the coffin factory. In this event East Lake and Chickamauga cars will be sent out over the Oak street line.

Service from the bus is now carried on over the East Lake tracks. East Chattanooga, however, was cut off Wednesday evening near the Willow street loop, putting residents of that suburb to some inconvenience Thursday in reaching the city. A few cars were stopped at the north end of the line so that transportation may be kept up there. Passengers are forced to transfer near the loop and walk by the ground either to Willow street line or to the East Chattanooga cars to the west, where service has been discontinued on account of the high water.

The territory in the neighborhood of this low point in Harrison avenue is already well covered with water, the tide already reaching near the eaves of some of the houses in the lowest places. The negro inhabitants of the low sections of Churchville and Bushtown have needed no urging to move their belongings to the high ground. Experiences in the flood last spring were quite sufficient, and all day Tuesday and Wednesday families were moving out in wagons, trucks, wheelbarrows and even by manpower where conveyances could not be secured. Then with the water still advancing, the migration continued in full force. Many persons in other sections of the city were minus their coats, nurses, housemaids, chauffeurs and janitors Wednesday, as the negro population went to the rescue of friends and relatives in the low grounds that seemed sure to be flooded.

The Milne chair factory has not been forced to abandon operations on account of the high water. The plant, however, will probably be surrounded by water, making it impossible for the employees to reach it, if the tide passes the forty-foot stage.

## ALL BELOW 42.5 FEET ORDERED TO MOVE

Eight patrolmen of the local police force were detailed Thursday morning by Chief W. H. Hackett to posts of duty in the sections affected by the high waters and instructed to commandeer labor and trucks if necessary in order to move the furniture of people whose homes were reached by the flood.

Orders were also issued to the patrolmen to instruct families whose property or places of residences would be affected by a rise of 42 1-2 feet to move.

The officers on flood detail are in charge of Capt. J. D. Croft.

Patrolman Lee Woy is looking after Long and side streets, while Patrolman W. R. Carter is on William street; C. S. Dorsey, Boyce street; Albert Holder, Rossville avenue; Sam Carter, Long and William streets; Ray Bryan, Harrison avenue, Orchard Knob avenue and the eastern portion of the city. Bryan is a mounted officer. Patrolman M. M. Broxton had been assigned to duty on Whiteside street.

## BISHOP GAILOR GUEST OF ROTARY

Members of the Rotary club at their regular meeting Thursday purchased 190 smileage books, exhausting the supply brought to the meeting by Chairman Robert King. The club also agreed to buy one \$5 book for each Chattanooga Rotarian in the service and for the son of each member of the local club in the service. Rev. T. S. McCallie, a member of the club, was delegated to get in touch with the chaplains of the various regiments to the end that books purchased by members of the club should be presented to such boys in the service who in the opinion of these chaplains should be furnished with same.

The principal feature of business disposed of Thursday was the report of the vice committee which is making plans for carrying out the suggestions offered by Gen. Erwin, commander in charge of the forces at Camp Forrest. The committee made detailed report showing that they have been quite active in looking into various phases of the subject, it being thought best, however, that they be given another week before making any recommendations to the club.

Chairman Robert King, of the ladies' night committee, reported that this event, which would take place in the ball room of the Hotel Patten beginning at 6:45 o'clock on the evening of Feb. 7, would be in keeping with the spirit of the day, there being no distribution of prizes, souvenirs, etc., such as has prevailed on previous occasions, the price of plates being placed at a very nominal figure, the members being requested to use the difference of which they would ordinarily pay by purchasing war stamps and presenting them to their wife or some member of their family.

Bishop Thomas F. Gailor, a Rotarian himself, was present as a guest of the club and made a brief talk, commenting on the vice situation and what other cities had done in the way of adopting special measures protecting them against undesirable citizens. He said that these undesirable as they arrived in the city would be required to give an account of themselves. In other words, to head them off and place them on the train, sending them back to their homes. In the course of his remarks Bishop Gailor took occasion to refer to the honor in having his daughter selected by the French government for service in connection with the war. A son is already serving in the trenches. Bishop Gailor also made an interesting talk on the aspect of democracy and its test as the measure of man's value. In closing he said that we should cultivate the spirit of true democracy, developing ourselves into a more generous outlook, not for the kingdom of the kaiser, but for the kingdom of God.

The meeting was well attended by a talk by William S. Colpoys, of Washington, on the subject of war savings certificates. He paid a high compliment to the Rotary clubs of the United States for their activities in various lines of war work, and most especially their latest movement in aiding behind the sale of smileage books. He discussed some of the points regarding war savings stamps, impressing upon those present the necessity of aiding in the sale of these stamps.

## C. M. HUNT TO LECTURE ON NATIONAL PLAYGROUNDS

Charles Morton Hunt, a lecturer on "National Playgrounds," will address an audience in this city Thursday evening at the Pilgrim Congregational church. He will illustrate his lecture with moving pictures.

## COLPOYS TO TALK OF WAR STAMPS

T. R. Preston Will Also Speak at Labor Meeting at Courthouse Tonight.

Hon. T. R. Preston, state director of the thrift campaign, and John B. Colpoys, federal mediator, will address the Central Labor Union tonight in the assembly room at the courthouse. The subject of the address will be "Thrift." A large crowd is expected to be present. The general public is invited but laboring people are especially urged to be present.

## ARREST OF YOUNG WAYWARD GIRLS

While there has been some objection to the establishing of a separate workhouse for women at White Oak, it seems assured that for the present that camp will be used for women only. Superintendent of Highways Roger H. Crox stated Thursday morning that the White Oak camp was not only an excellent location for a separate workhouse for women but it is an ideal camp in every way, having running water and baths. The present quarters will accommodate about fifty women and has a place separate for colored women prisoners. Mr. Crox further stated that it was not only imperative for a separate workhouse for women at once but it was also imperative that the male prisoners of the county be moved to the Orchard Knob camp. The county now is facing a serious proposition in the rebuilding and repairing of the roads which were damaged to a considerable degree by the recent and continued bad weather and the most important work that confronts the workhouse commission is near the Orchard Knob camp and should be begun at once. Mr. Crox stated that with the Orchard Knob camp repaired, which could be done in about five or six days, that the camp will be in fairly good shape and the men could be moved there and the work done at once.

"The men can do no good," said Mr. Crox, "being brought back and forth from the White Oak camp." He said that he had never seen a more ideal or better located camp for women prisoners than the present one at White Oak, and it was in good condition, and while the women could not be given separate rooms that they could be made unusually comfortable.

Another suggestion which, it is stated, has been advanced by some is the renting or buying and repairing of the old Boyce hotel at Boyce. While this building is in bad shape, it has about 100 rooms, and with a small sum being spent, could be placed in first-class condition. Those making this suggestion said that the women could be housed there with a matron in charge and be made as comfortable as possible. Other places have been suggested, but county officials all say that at the present the White Oak location is the best.

Supt. Dave Walker, of the workhouse, stated that if the county had the money that he would suggest the building of a separate workhouse for women on the top of Racon mountain, as he believed the farther away from town they were the better the conditions would be both in health and surroundings. At present it looks as if there is no chance for vice conditions to stop in Hamilton county, as several women are arrested every day, either by the police department or the sheriff's office. It is stated that the number of women prisoners now in the various camps and jails is about forty. As stated Wednesday, these women are being examined and are being given the very best of care. The call for a separate workhouse for women increases every day and on all sides it is said, "get a workhouse for women, make no difference where, so one is established."

## FAVORS BUILDING COUNTY LIGHT PLANT

Squire King Believes Plan an Excellent and Economical One.

Squire Theodore King, chairman of the committee appointed by Judge Will Cummings to investigate the advisability of the county building its own lighting and heating plant, stated Friday that the committee was finishing their investigation and that in all probability the plant would be built at the jail where there is an excellent place for it. Chairman King stated that the deeper the investigation went the more the committee was impressed with the idea that the construction of such a plant was a good one. The plant, when erected, will furnish both heat and light for the jail and courthouse and all the lights for both the Walnut street and Market street bridges.

The idea of a plant was conceived by Chairman King and he introduced a resolution to that effect at the last meeting of the county court. The resolution was unanimously passed and Squire King was appointed chairman of the committee by Judge Will Cummings. Squire King said that the plant could be erected at an unusually low figure and would by a large saving to the county. He stated that he had been communicating with a number of concerns and that the present price made by one firm he thought could even be improved upon.

## THREE SUITS SEEKING DIVORCE ARE FILED

Homer Dawson Bryant entered suit for a divorce in the circuit court Thursday from his wife, Elizabeth Bryant. The plaintiff charges his wife with infidelity and names several men as co-respondents.

Mabel Hunt asks divorce from her husband, Eldorous Hunt, charging the defendant with desertion.

Mabel Davis claims that Will Davis has not just exactly been the husband he should be, but that outside of beating her, threatening her, deserting her and failing to provide for her that he had been all that a husband could be. She asks for a divorce. All three suits were filed through John Lively.

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